

YUMI CHO, VIOLIN



A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Yumi Cho is currently a violinist in the San Diego Symphony, a position she won in 2005.

Yumi is a graduate of the prestigious dual degree program between Barnard College/Columbia University and The Juilliard School. She received her B.A. with honors in Economics and Environmental Science in 2004 and her M.M. in Violin Performance under the tutelage of Ronald Copes and Naoko Tanaka in 2005. She has also studied with Dorothy DeLay in the Pre-College Division of The Juilliard School and with Pamela Frank at the Peabody Institute.

Yumi has participated in various music festivals including the Verbier, La Jolla SummerFest, Cascade, Stuttgart, Britten-Pears, Music Academy of the West, IMS Prussia Cove, Carnegie Hall Professional Workshop, Pacific, New York String Seminar and Aspen Festivals. She has future plans to attend The International Holland Music Sessions and the Lucerne Festival Academy.

Yumi is a confirmed chocoholic and loves to bake and consume fine chocolates in her spare time.

Getting to know Yumi Cho...

Q: What are YOUR FAVORITE three tunes or pieces on your iPod/Mp3 or CD collection?

A: Bach: Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin - recorded by Yuval Yuron; Beethoven: Sonatas for Violin and Piano - recorded by Pamela Frank/Claude Frank

Q: How did you choose your instrument?

A: My sister, Yuri, is also a violinist. Being the younger sibling, I naturally wanted to do everything that she did. She is now a member of the award-winning Afiara String Quartet (www.afiara.com).

Q: What are your favorite travel destinations?

A: Anywhere around the world! I love to explore different cultures, visit historical sites and experience local cuisine, among many other things.

Q: What good books have you read most recently?

A: *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri; *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* by John Perkins

A: What is your choice for dining in San Diego?

A: Extraordinary Desserts

Q: Where might you find me on a Saturday night if I'm not performing with the Symphony?

A: Extraordinary Desserts!